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Part B for *November 46*

SUBJECT

Recommendation No. 134 & 137 of the P.R.C.

Books and newspapers - - Location of the jail library

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To The I.G. of Puns

*conveys the approval of the Govt. to the
proposal of the I.G. of Puns.*

C. Srinivasan
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Prison Reforms - Books and newspapers for
prisoners.

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(1) Procuring of books by prisoners -
In para 13 of Chapter VI of their Report, the Prison
Reforming Committee recommend that prisoners be
permitted to have books of an unobjectionable
character sent in by their friends and to buy
books out of their private money.

2) Such a privilege ~~is~~ seems
has been conceded in Bengal and Madras only
to civil prisoners. (~~Madras~~ Bengal Rule 903, Madras
Rule 694A). Literate and well-behaved prisoners
are allowed only the use of books in the Prison
library (Bengal 654 and Madras 284). But Punjab
however any educated prisoner may obtain
a book from jail library or from any
person outside the jail (Punjab; Rule 658).

3) The privilege recommended by the
Committee is, however, already in existence in
Mysore as is apparent from Rule 269 of our Jail
Manual which provides inter-alia that "the
prisoners shall also be allowed to provide at their own
cost or to obtain from friends ~~at~~ such books as the
Superintendent may approve". The S. G. of Prisons
accordingly observes in respect of this recommend-
-tion that it is permitted under Rule 269. No
further action is therefore called for. The
discretion vested in the Superintendent under

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necessary.

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the rules secures that the books allowed to the prisoners are of an unobjectionable character.

4/ (2) Reading of books by literate prisoners to other inmates:- The Committee further recommend that literate prisoners may be allowed to read such books to other inmates.

5/ This arrangement does not seem to prevail in the Provinces. The Madras Jail Manual provides only for the reading of the Howard Journal for the benefit of the uneducated prisoners by literate ones (Rule 654). The I. G. of Prisons is in favour of the Committee's recommendation. There can perhaps be no objection to the books being read to the other inmates, especially as they are of an unobjectionable nature. The recommendation of the Committee may perhaps be approved.

6/ (3) Cost of jail libraries:- The Committee observe that a small grant from the Govt, based on the population of the prisons would also be necessary, but that if prison authorities and non-official visitors sufficiently interest themselves, it would not be difficult to supplement it by gifts of books from

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private persons (Para 14 of Chapter VI).

7) The J. G. of Prisons suggests that a small annual grant of Rs 25/- may be made available to each of the jails at Bangalore and Mysore for this purpose. The amount proposed is small and may perhaps be sanctioned and J. G. P's references invited ^{to the observations of the Committee} to paras 11 and 12 of Chapter VI of the Report of the Committee in regard to the contents of the Library and the selection of books. He may also be requested to ask the now - official visitor to interest themselves in the collection of books as recommended by the Committee.

6) (3) Accessibility of Library:- The Committee observe that the guiding principle in connection with the prison library being, within practicable limitations, to encourage rather than restrict good reading, there should be improved facilities for getting wanted books. The Committee suggest that the most convenient arrangement would be to place the library in the same block in which the educational classes are held, and that one big room or hall with movable partitions would generally suffice for these purposes as well as for those occasional

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is a course at which all prisoners are meant to be present and that it could also be used as the indoor recreation room. (Para 15).

9) The S.G. of Prisons states that under the existing arrangement, all the prisoners are allowed free access to the jail library and that this arrangement may continue. This does not however cover the recommendation of the Committee which refers not merely to free access being given to the prisoners to the library, but to the location ^{as well as its use as} of the library ~~in the same block~~ ^{where educational} as a recreation room. This part of the recommendation has not been touched by the S.G. of Prisons, and he may therefore be requested perhaps to intimate whether it would be possible to give effect to it.

10) (4) Supply of writing materials to prisoners — The Committee next recommended —

a) that note-books and pencils may be allowed to well-behaved prisoners to enable them to take notes from books, such note-books being allowed to be taken away by them on discharge, and

b) that educated prisoners may be permitted to procure necessary stationery at their own cost, and while they cannot pass round any written

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matter, they need not be prevented from taking it away when they leave prison. (Para 16)

11) The S. G. of Prisons recommends that these may be allowed, necessary provision thereof being made in the Rules. The Madras Manual contains no provision of this nature, but in Bengal well-behaved prisoners are allowed one exercise book per month at the own cost. No pencils are allowed but pen and ink are supplied by the jail. The exercise books allowed are ordinary school exercise books, the pages being numbered, and the books are inspected periodically to see that no pages are missing. The pages also are no account to be used for writing letters. (Rule 65) rule may perhaps be adopted. It is only such prisoners that show any inclination to take down notes, and as in the case of books, they may be allowed to get note-books at their own cost, such books being allowed to be taken away by them on discharge. Submitted for orders

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12) The recommendations as mentioned above may be approved.

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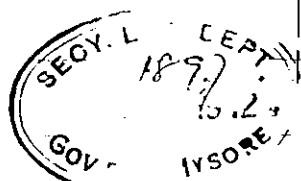
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G.O. P 467-8 of 20-7-42

Sanctions an annual grant of Rs 207-00-00 to the Jail Libraries at Bangalore to improve the S.G. of Prisons

No. 469 of 20-7-42

Requests to intimate whether it was possible to the recommendation of the Prison Reforms Committee re location of the Jail Library and its use as a recreation room.

Letter No. 5513-578, dated 10th

October 1944, from the S.G. of Prisons furnishing his opinion in the matter.

The S.G. of Prisons states that the places most easily accessible to prisoners in the Mysore Jail and the Central Jail are the Chief Warder's offices and the towers respectively and that the library may be located there. His proposal may be approved.

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His opinion may be accepted

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The I.L. of Pris.

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No: 2607 dated 1-11-44

Conveys approval of Govt
to the proposal of the I.L.

re the location of the jail libraries.

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

R e a d :-

Recommendation Nos. 134 and 137 of the
Prison Reforms Committee regarding the
provision of facilities for the obtaining
of books by prisoners, and the supply of
writing materials to them and the views of
the Inspector General of Prisons thereon.

ORDER NO.P. *466 Pris 62-41-151*

Dated, Bangalore, ^{20th} July 1941

The Prison Reforms Committee recommend
that prisoners should be permitted to have
books of an unobjectionable character sent
in by their friends and to buy books out of
their private money; that literate prisoners
may be allowed to read such books to other
inmates; that note books and pencils should
be allowed to well-behaved prisoners and that
educated prisoners may be permitted to buy
any necessary stationery at their own cost.

The Inspector General of Prisons observes
that prisoners are allowed, under Rule 269
of the Jail Manual, Volume I, to obtain books
of an unobjectionable nature from their friend
or at their own cost, and suggests the
acceptance of the remaining two recommendations
of the Committee.

Government, agreeing with the Inspector

General of Prisons, consider that the privilege, recommended by the Committee, of prisoners procuring books from their friends or at their cost is already in existence and provided for by Rule 269 of the Jail Manual. They are of opinion that literate prisoners may be allowed to read books of an unobjectionable character to other inmates of the prisoners as suggested by the Committee, and that educated prisoners may be permitted to procure note books at their own cost. They are accordingly pleased to direct the following amendments to the Rules in the Jail Manual :-

(1) Rule 269 shall be re-numbered as 269-(1) and the following added as sub rules (2) and (3) of the said rule :-

"(2). The Superintendent may permit literate prisoners to read aloud to other prisoners any books approved by him."

(3) One exercise book per month may be allowed to well-^{behaved}~~conducted~~ prisoners at their own cost. No pencils shall be allowed but pens and ink shall be supplied by the Jail. The exercise books shall be ordinary school exercise books, and the pages shall be numbered and periodically inspected to see that none is missing. The pages shall on no account be used for writing letters.

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away
Such exercise books may be allowed by
the prisoners to whom they belong on
their release.*

G. Nanayanasami
Secretary to Government, *Wary*
Law Department.
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The Inspector General of Prisons.

Proceedings of the Government of His
Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

R e a d :-

Recommendation No.135 of the Prison
Reforms Committee regarding a small
grant to Jail Libraries from Government.

O R D E R No.P. 467-8 *Pris 62-4*

Dated, Bangalore^{to} July 19

The Prison Reforms Committee recommend
in para (14) of Chapter VI of their
Report, a small grant from Government
to Jail libraries.. The Inspector General
who was consulted in the matter suggests
that a ~~small~~ annual grant of Rupees
Twenty Five (Rs.25/-) may be made available
to each of the Jails at Bangalore and
Mysore.

Government approve of the recommendation
of the Committee and are accordingly
pleased to sanction an annual grant of
Rupees Twenty, five (Rs.25/-) to each of
the Jails at Bangalore and Mysore. The
Inspector General of Prisons is requested
to point out the source from which the
amount has to be met out of the budget
of the Jail Department, direct to the
Comptroller.

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Secretary to Government,
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Signed by..... Mr. M.K.V.

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No. P469

To

Mr. J. S. Apperons

Subject:- Recommendation
after prison reforms
regarding the location of
the jail library and its
use as a recreation room

Sir,

I am directed to inform
you that the
reference to the second para
of Para 15 of Chapter VI
of the ^{Report of the} Prison Reforms
Committee on the above
subject, and to request
you to be so good as to

inmate whether it
would be possible
to give effect to ^{the} ~~the~~
^{made therein}
recommendation. A
very early reply is requested.

Yours sh

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORENo. 532-578
Encls.OFFICE OF the Inspector-General of Prisons
in Mysore, Bangalore

Date 10th October, 1944.

To

The Legal Remembrancer and Secretary to the
Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
Law Department, Bangalore.

Sir,

Subject:- Recommendation of the Prison Reforms
Committee regarding the location of the Jail
Library and its use as a Recreation Room.

With reference to your letter No. P. 469 dated 20-7-42 regarding the above subject, I have the honour to state that every facility is now provided for prisoners getting the books they want from the Library at the Central Jail, Bangalore and the Jail at Mysore. Government have, in their Order No. P. 467-68/Pris. 62-41-16 dated 20-7-42 sanctioned an annual grant of Rs. 25/- towards purchase of books for each of the Jails at Bangalore and Mysore and advantage has been taken of this to purchase and stock books in the respective Libraries.

Since more than one class is being held at different places (in each of the two Jails) arrangements have been made to locate the libraries in a Central place, easily accessible to the prisoners i.e., in the tower in the Jail at Bangalore and in the Chief Warder's Office at Mysore. I think this arrangement would meet with the requirements mentioned in second para 15 of the Chapter VI of the Report of the Prison Reforms Committee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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Inspector-General of Prisons.

To

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The Inspector-General of Prison
in Mysore, Bangalore.

Subject.- Location of the Jail
Library.

Sir,

With reference to your letter
532-578 dated the 10th October 1944, on
the above subject, I am directed to
convey the approval of Government to
your proposal to locate the Jail Libr-
aries in the tower in the Central Jail
at Bangalore and in the Chief warden's
office at Mysore.

I have etc., .

Secretary to Government,
Law Department.
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